

Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

MEMORANDUM

To:

City Councilors

From:

Mayor Miro Weinberger

Date:

October 16, 2013

Re:

Proposed Maker Space in Memorial Auditorium

I am writing to brief you on an exciting conversation underway about using the Annex at Memorial Auditorium as a Maker Space, called Generator. The attached materials describe what is being considered. I thought it was important that you be aware of this effort, as there will be much public conversation about a potential Maker Space in the coming weeks, including an announcement on Friday at Tech Jam of the proposed Generator Space in Memorial.

As some of you know, a supporting zoning amendment enabling this use at Memorial has made its way through the Planning Commission and the Ordinance Committee. While the amendment currently is the law, final approval of the amendment will come before the Council at your November 4 meeting.

We are well advanced in lease discussions and are close to signing a Letter of Intent that will be the basis of a lease between the City and Generator. It is important to note that any lease would be structured so as not to interfere with possible redevelopment plans for Memorial, which have been discussed for many years and which we are continuing to explore. There are, however, numerous details that need to be resolved before a lease is ready for Council action. In the meantime, it would be helpful to hear any concerns or questions you have about this potential use of Memorial.

Thank you.